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Adding old-crop carryover to the 1949 harvest, the United States achieved for the first time in history the 4-billion bushel mark in total corn supplies, the Production and Marketing Administration reports.

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Since January, 1946 when the U. S. Department of Agriculture started to buy eggs in the Midwest to support postwar egg prices, it has found a market for 203 million pounds of dried eggs outside of domestic trade channels in the U. S.

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Although the Agricultural Conservation Program provides assistance on an individual farm basis, each farmer carrying out the conservation practices he thinks are needed on his farm, there is also need for a coordinated community and area effort to attack the most serious conservation problems.

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Total net income of farm people, from nonfarm and farm sources, averaged \$763 per person in 1949, down 16 percent from 1948. This compares with an average of \$1,555 for nonfarm people, which was only one percent less than in 1948, the Production and Marketing Administration reports.

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Despite prospective reduction of chicken numbers, egg supplies will continue ample, and probably larger than in 1949, when consumption averaged about 275 eggs per capita, the Bureau of Agricultural Economics reports.

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More fertility means better crops; better crops mean more conservation; more conservation means more fertility, the Production and Marketing Administration emphasizes.

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Imports of many grass and legume seeds have increased, according to a recent report covering the first 7 months of the fiscal year July 1, 1949 to February 1, 1950, of the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

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The Midwest accounted for about a fifth of the wool produced in the United States last year, the Production and Marketing Administration reports.

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Recent prices of most meat animals, except hogs, compare favorably with postwar levels except the highest months of 1948, the Bureau of Agricultural Economics reports.

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Federal price support for eligible classes of 1950 crop dry edible beans is limited to about 80 percent of the acreage planted to these classes in the United States in 1949, the Production and Marketing Administration announces.

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Price and income consideration are the core - the heart - of an over-all farm program, Assistant Secretary of Agriculture Knox T. Hutchinson recently told a farm group.

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With the population of the country increasing at the rate of 2 million a year, the 31 million acres coming out of allotment crops in 1950 provides a real opportunity to do a soil stockpiling job, the Production and Marketing Administration emphasizes.

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The people of this country are interested in making sure that the land will keep on producing enough to eat and through assistance to farmers in carrying out conservation practices, under the Agricultural Conservation Program, they are buying that assurance.

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Demand for U. S. agricultural products for foreign export is likely to be maintained at a high level through 1950-51; although lower than in 1948-49, the Production and Marketing Administration reports.

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Out of fully 276 million pounds of dried whole eggs purchased by the U. S. Department of Agriculture for postwar price support purposes since January 1, 1946, less than one-third of one percent has deteriorated in any way, the Production and Marketing Administration reports.

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A recent report issued by the U. S. Department of Agriculture indicates there will be about 2 percent more early spring lambs than a year ago.

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The following foods are listed by the U. S. Department of Agriculture as "plentiful" for the month of April: Dry beans, onions, carrots, cabbage, beets, Irish potatoes, canned corn, canned lima beans, fish, pork and pork products, eggs, hens, manufactured dairy products, apples, canned peaches, raisins and dried prunes.

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The Agricultural Conservation Program encourages and helps farmers to grasp the present day opportunity to modify their cropping systems and at the same time build up their soil, Secretary of Agriculture Charles F. Brannan recently pointed out in his annual report to the President.

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Farmers' cash receipts from marketings in March of this year are expected to total 1.7 billion dollars, 7 percent more than the February total, but 9 percent below receipts in March of last year, the Bureau of Agricultural Economics reports.

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The Agricultural Conservation Program provides assistance to individual farmers to help them in establishing conservation practices on their farms - practices which will check and control erosion on their land and improve the productivity of the soil.

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The International Wheat Council has accepted Germany's application for membership, the U. S. Department of Agriculture reports.

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Growers and local dealers held more merchantable potatoes on March 1 than ever before on that date, according to a recent report of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics.

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Between December 15, 1949 and January 15, 1950, the farmer's share of the dollar spent by consumers for foods, increased from 46 to 47 cents, the Bureau of Agricultural Economics reports.

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Improved range conditions give added assurance of a continued abundant production of livestock products, the Production and Marketing Administration emphasizes.

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"If agriculture is to achieve economic stability, it requires an effective national farm program..." Assistant Secretary of Agriculture, Knox T. Hutchinson.

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Because wind erosion is such a threat to the productive land in many parts of the United States, the Agricultural Conservation Program provides assistance to aid farmers in protecting their land against wind erosion.

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In mid-January 1950 average prices received by farmers were 23 percent below postwar peak; while prices paid were only 5 percent lower, the Bureau of Agricultural Economics reports.

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31,818,000 pounds of dried eggs have been sold to the United Kingdom at an average price of 22 cents per pound, the Production and Marketing Administration reports. The sales were made from Commodity Credit Corporation stocks of dried eggs acquired under price support programs.

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